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Minutes of the Twenty Second Meeting of the Board of Governors held on Friday, June 26, 2020

The Twenty Second meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT) was held in the Institute of Chemical Technology in the Vice Chancellor's office, Matunga, Mumbai-400019, on Friday, June 26, 2020 at 11.00 am:

Following members were present in person:

- (i) Professor A.B. Pandit, Vice-Chancellor (Chairman)
- (ii) Shri J.R. Shah, Director, Jayvee Organics & Polymers Pvt. Ltd.
- (iii) Professor Padma Devarajan, Sr. Most Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Technology
- (iv) Professor R.S. Singhal, Dean, RCRM
- (v) Professor R.R. Deshmukh, Registrar (Member Secretary)

Following members joined *online*:

- (i) Smt. Sandra Shroff, Vice President, United Phosphorous Ltd.
- (ii) Shri Nitin Deshmukh, CEO-Private Equity, Kotak Investment Advisors Ltd.
- (iii) Dr. Abhay Jere, Chief Innovation Officer, MHRD's Innovation Cell
- (iv) Professor Manoj Kumar Tiwari, Director, National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE)
- (v) Shri U. Shekhar, Chairman, Galaxy Surfactants Ltd.
- (vi) Professor P.R. Vavia, Dean, Academic Programmes (AP)

Following members were granted leave of absence:

- (i) Shri. Saurabh Vijay, Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra
- (ii) Shri M.B. Parekh, Chairman and Managing Director, Pidilite Industries Ltd.

The following items were discussed in the meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Registrar and approved by BoG.

1. Status of DAE-ICT Research Centre building and future course

The Vice Chancellor elaborated the construction status of DAE-ICT Research Centre building.

Decision : The Board authorized the Vice Chancellor to take necessary action regarding termination and/or suspension of agreement with the Contractor as per legal advice.

2. **Extension of Prof. S. S. Lele, Director, ICT-Marathwada Campus, Jalna during COVID situation**

Decision: The Board gave consent for the extension of the appointment of Professor S.S. Lele as Director, ICT-Marathwada Campus, Jalna till 31st December, 2020.

3. **Status of the other ongoing infrastructure projects**

The Vice Chancellor informed that some of the ongoing infrastructure projects like water proofing, etc. were held up for 4-6 weeks due to COVID-19. Now, these activities are going on in full swing and are expected to be completed without too much of a delay or a significant cost over run and payments are being cleared online.

Decision : The Board appreciated progress of ongoing infrastructure activities of ICT.

4. **Institute's decision and the reason for conducting exams and the time table**

The Vice Chancellor briefed that looking at the known history of cases where Universities have given degrees to final year students without examination are suffered throughout their career. Many had difficulty in finding their first job in a competitive world, and candidates from previous batches were instead preferred. Even decades down the years, candidates from these batches suffered when a comparison was made with an equally suitable candidate from other batches. Hence promoting students or graduating students without an examination of any type can prove to be detrimental to their careers.

It is also known that many of our students do not have a very good or stable internet connection as many of our students are from distant and small places, unlike entirely city students in some colleges. Hence, a live online examination will not be feasible.

The Vice Chancellor further informed that this open book E- examination students need the internet only to download question paper and upload the answer book.

The examination section will send the soft copy of the paper 15 mins prior to the commencement of the examination via email.

It is mandatory for students to update their information like email id in ICT MIS, as well as their common class email as a question paper will be conveyed through email only.

The student will upload the answer book PDF document within 15 minutes after the scheduled examination end time.

A mock e-examination will be held on June 29, 2020 and the examination will commence from July 1, 2020.

The weightage for the end semester will be 25% instead of the usual 50%. CGPA will be calculated based on it.

The Vice Chancellor informed that he had online meeting with representatives of the students about this e-examination and all students are happy and willing to go through this examination.

A brief about instructions to students and method of conducting examination for faculty will be circulated soon to all Board members for their approval.

It was also suggested by Shri. J. R. Shah that permission from UGPC should also be sought before conducting e-examination.

Decision: The Board appreciated the efforts taken by ICT authorities and authorized the Vice Chancellor to take necessary action, deemed fit.

5. Convocation and Annual day of the Institute postponed due to Covid 19 pandemic situation

The Vice Chancellor informed that due to COVID 19 pandemic situation, Convocation and Annual day of the Institute have been postponed. He had already consulted with Hon'ble Chancellor. He also agreed that new dates could not be suggested at this point.

Decision: The Board noted the discussion.

6. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

- (i) Shri. J.R. Shah pointed out the possible error in the minutes of last meeting (held on March 11, 2020) in the course title, which was subsequently rectified as "Department of Speciality Chemicals Technology".
- (ii) Professor P.R. Vavia pointed out that addition in the minutes of last meeting held on March 11, 2020 in point no.3 regarding Department of Humanities. As there is no specific faculty position assigned to Humanity subjects. It is proposed that while selecting new faculty members having expertise in the subject of humanity in addition to core subject area may be considered.
- (iii) Dr. Abhay Jere informed that all permissions have been granted for off-campus of ICT by AICTE. The Vice Chancellor thanked him and expressed that it is a collective effort. He also acknowledged the help and assistance of the Chancellor, AICTE Chairman, Prof. Sahasrabudde and others in the MHRD office. Thus, from this year onwards, the students to be admitted this year, as well as admitted in the past two years will be eligible for AICTE recognized degree of Integrated M Tech of ICT.
- (iv) Shri J.R. Shah pointed out that, as a part of the Statute revision committee, the composition of internal committees like Planning and Monitoring, Building and Works, etc. should be shared with the BOG as well. The draft of the revised Statute will be circulated to the Board for upgradation and/or suggestions as and when ready.
- (v) Regarding the case of Professor A.M. Lali, the Vice Chancellor informed that Professor Lali is requesting for a dialogue with members of the Board. After a thorough discussion, it has been decided that the Inquiry Committee appointed for Professor Lali can meet him on behalf of members of the Board. Professor Lali is yet to be given an official charge sheet. This will be given very soon justifying his suspension. The same subcommittee of the BOG can give an audience to Prof. Lali after the charge sheet is issued to him to satisfy the requirement of the course of natural justice as recommended by the Lawyer. Legal action and recommendation about his suspension has been provided by the lawyer. The Vice Chancellor informed that in the meantime he has requested his colleagues, Professor S.S. Bhagwat to have an informal talk

with him requesting him to resign and accept the wrong doing which will help to resolve the matter without resorting to a legal course.

- (vi) Professor Padma Devarajan informed that a comprehensive technology transfer document has been prepared and will be utilized as start up document named as "IP Policy". It will be circulated to the Board with 1-2 weeks time.
- (vii) Shri J.R. Shah instructed that the development of both ICT, Jalna and ICT-IOC, Bhubaneswar campuses be presented to the Board in every meeting. The VC promptly agreed to this suggestion and hence forth that will form a permanent agenda item in all the future BOG meetings.

The meeting ended with thank to the Chair.

Professor R. R. Deshmukh
Member Secretary and Registrar

July, 2020